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Asante African Performing Arts Bring Joy and Celebration to the Cultural Center Stage

WHAT: Youths adopted from Africa into Utah families make up "Asante Performing Arts", which will perform a community concert at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center.

WHEN: Monday, August 19

WHERE: Utah Cultural Celebration Center
               1355 West 3100 South

WHO: Everyone is invited to this concert, ADMISSION FREE.

WHY: Asante is a Swahili word that means thank you. Asante's children are thankful for their heritage and for the opportunity to share their culture with the larger Utah community. Asante is made up of children ages 4 – 18. Each week they come together to learn cultural dancing and drumming, and to provide support for each other in their shared experience of growing up in a predominately white community, and for some with parents who do not look like them. The choreography comes from as far away as Africa but on occasion is also made up of hip hop and jazz. The main teacher of the current group is Kaytie Murray who was a dancer with the group when she was younger. Asante has become family, the children love each other, and most people say you can see that love through their dance and drum. Please join us for an evening of true joy, celebration, and community.

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